

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are pending in the application. Of those, claims 1, 2, 8 and 9 are subject to a restriction requirement. With this amendment Applicants cancel claims 1, 2, 8 and 9 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter claimed therein and introduce new claims 10-30. Applicants submit that the amendment made herein obviates the restriction requirement of the Action mailed October 3, 2002.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement and a speedy issuance of a substantive action on the merits. If any point remains that is deemed best resolved through a telephonic interview, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned attorney.

Although no fee is believed to be due, the Office is hereby authorized to charge any outstanding fee, including an extension of time fee, against Deposit Account Number 11-0600 to KENYON & KENYON.

Respectfully submitted,

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